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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP EXPERTS MEETING

REF: (A) GENEVA 2157 (B) STATE 36397

1. BAKER WOULD BE GLAD TO ATTEND GENEVA EXPERTS MEETING FEBRUARY 23-24; PLANS ARRIVE FEBRUARY 22 BY AZ 408 ARRIVING GENEVA 1830; PREFERS MODEST HOTEL NEAR MISSION FOR NIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 22, 23, AND 24.

2. QUESTION OF WHETHER BAKER CAN SPEAK FOR GENEVA GROUP ROME (GGR) DEPENDS PRIMARILY ON WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED. GGR REACHED A GENERAL POSITION WITH REGARD TO STANDARD ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK (SAF) WHICH HE CAN REFLECT IF THAT SUBJECT DISCUSSED. PARA 2 OF REF (B), HOWEVER, IMPLIES THAT SAF AND ITS UTILIZATION IS CLOSED ISSUE AND THAT PROGRAM EVALUATION WILL BE FOCUS OF MEETING.

3. WITH REGARD TO PROGRAM ANALYSIS, WE HAVE JUST SEEN STATE 36397. METHODOLOGY OF PROGRAM REVIEW HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED
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BY GGR. THEREFORE, WHILE BAKER CAN BENEFIT FROM DISCUSSION AND CONVEY SENSE OF MEETING BACK TO GGR, HE WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY INPUTS ON BEHALF OF GGR IN THIS DISCUSSION. HE WILL OFFER HIS OWN VIEWS AS APPROPRIATE.

4. SINCE MAIN TALENTS WHICH MIGHT BE APPLIED TO PROGRAM REVIEW ARE IN CAPITALS--IN CASE OF FAO IT WOULD BE USDA AND

AID FOR U.S.--WOULD RECOMMEND THAT IN ADVANCE OF EXPERTS
MEETING PARTICIPANTS FROM U.S. MISSION GENEVA OBTAIN REACTION
OF ANTHONY CRUIT OF FODAG AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HATHAWAY OF
USDAO, BOTH NOW IN GENEVA. IN NEAR TERMS, MOST PRACTICAL
TEST EXERCISE FOR THEM AND US TO CONSIDER WOULD BE HOW THAT
METHODOLOGY MIGHT BE APPLIED TO THOSE FAO PROGRAMS SCHEDULED
FOR REVIEW IN MAY MEETING OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE (PC) (NATURAL
RESOURCES, CROPS, LIVESTOCK, RESEARCH SUPPORT, AND RURAL DE-
VELOPMENT) AND WHETHER DATA PERMITTING USDA AND OTHER GENEVA
GROUP AGRICULTURE MINISTRIES TO APPLY THAT METHODOLOGY CAN BE
OBTAINED FROM FAO AND UTILIZED. VIEWED FROM HERE, DOING THIS
JUST FOR PROGRAMS UNDER PC REVIEW, LET ALONE ALL OF FAO,
WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT. CRUIT AND HATHAWAY ASSESSMENT OF
SUCH AN EFFORT MIGHT USEFULLY BE SOUGHT. GARDNER

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